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PIER FACELIFT IS A BIG DEAL

Work on the £1.4 million new-look café-bar on Deal Pier is well under way. The chosen design was picked with the help of members of the public following an architecture competition, a public consultation and the selection of a winner by a jury panel.

More than 950 responses from the public were considered and a design by renowned architects Niall McLaughlin was chosen, with Barwick Construction Services awarded the building contract.

The new-look café-bar will boast edge walls made of glass, timber frames and a host of environmentally-friendly features.

Cllr Nigel Collor, of Dover District Council, said: "This represents a major boost for Deal seafront, for the future of the town and for the whole district."

■ BY MARIJKE COX

FAST-FERRY operator SpeedFerries has announced a substantial rise in the cost of its Channel crossings due to soaring fuel prices.

And fears are growing that other ferries could also up their prices or even close down following the big rise in the cost of crude oil.

Already, Scottish company Superfast is calling it a day on its Fife to Zeebrugge crossing, with high fuel prices blamed for the decision.

Now, starting this month, customers using the Speedferries Dover to Boulogne service can expect a hike in the rate on all ticket types.

In a letter to its customers, chief executive officer, Curt Stavis, wrote: "The world has experienced yet another dramatic rise in the cost of fuel."

"The environmentally-friendly diesel used by us has been affected the most and we are now looking at a scenario whereby the price is more than twice that of last year."

"Although for some time SpeedFerries absorbed this increased cost, there is really no alternative but to pass on a proportion of this price to our customers."

Other ferry companies across the country have said they will try to absorb the costs, with others withdrawing some of their services.

Mr Stavis wrote: "I expect the price level of all ferry crossings on the Channel, and everywhere else, to rise significantly and I fear this situation may very well be permanent."

But a spokesman from ferry operator P&O Ferries said the rising cost of oil would not affect its prices.

He said: "Our business model is completely different to that of SpeedFerries."

"They are like the Easyjet of the sea - a low-cost

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Kebab house closing time wrangle will go to court

BY MARIJKE COX

A KEBAB shop in Deal could have its opening hours cut after reports of antisocial behaviour by customers.

A decision has already been made to change Deal Kebab and Pizza House's 3am closing time, but the owner of the High Street site is going to court to challenge it.

Deal town councillor Bryan Henderson had called for a licence review after 10 years of alleged problems.

He said: "I've only been here four years, but I've heard that trouble has been going on since the 1990s."

"People have been putting objections in for a while about the late hours, although this is the first time the case has gone to court."

"Nobody's pushed it before, but if I make a promise to people I go through with it. There's been a lot of support and we have a good case."

Alleged problems include noise, violence and kebabs being pushed through letterboxes.

Residents complained to the district council and after a licence review the closing time of 3am was changed to midnight during the week and 1am on Fridays and Saturdays.

However, owner Mehmet Gurbuz has lodged an appeal against that decision. In the meantime the shop can continue trading at its old hours.

Tony Bartlett, licensing manager at Dover District Council, said: "Deal Kebab and Pizza House was reviewed three months ago."

"Mr Henderson called for the review and it was backed by residents. There is allegedly a fair amount of noise and problems coming from the premises."

"As a result the hours were cut, but following an appeal by the owner



DISPUTE: Deal Kebab and Pizza House

normal hours have resumed until the appeal is heard and determined."

Mr Gurbuz, who lives in Ramsgate, was unavailable for comment despite Yourdover trying to contact him.

The appeal hearing had been scheduled for Folkestone court tomorrow (Thursday), but this has been cancelled and it will be held at a later date.



FUEL COSTS: SpeedFerries has been forced to raise ticket prices for Channel crossings

Fast-ferry firm hit by rising price of fuel

FROM FRONT PAGE

operator which opts for speed. Because of how fast it travels, their ferry burns considerable amounts of fuel.

"The other problem is the fuel it uses is high-performance and very expensive – it's like a sports car. SpeedFerries is very vulnerable to oil costs."

"Our biggest concern is how big we build our ferries. We have restaurants, shops and a club-class lounge for our customers to use if they wish – our ferries are very different to SpeedFerries."

P&O also has the advantage of freight traffic averaging 70-80 trucks on each crossing, whereas the fast Dover to Boulogne ferry is smaller and offers just a car service.

However, staff at French ferry operator SeaFrance have admitted certain changes taking place due to the high cost of oil.

A spokesperson told Yourdover: "We currently do have a fuel surcharge on coach bookings but not on our other tickets."

"This surcharge is because of the high cost of fuel."

Tories visit Pfizer

SHADOW Chancellor George Osborne was scheduled to visit Pfizer in Sandwich yesterday to learn more about the pharmaceutical industry.

As well as looking at the economic challenges the firm faces, Mr Osborne was planning to discuss how a Tory government would try to help companies like Pfizer expand in the UK.

Charlie Elphicke, Tory parliamentary candidate for Dover and Deal, and Laura Sandys, the Conservative hopeful for South Thanet, were also due to attend and take part in a tour.






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Our street's a total wash-out

Flooding is 'constant worry' as lake keeps appearing in street

BY MARIJKE COX

RESIDENTS living in a street in Walmer are "fed up" as yet another bout of rainfall has created a lake outside their homes.

Following last week's downpour, more than two feet of water was recorded in Church Street, leaving locals ever-more concerned about the situation.

Harold Wyld, founder of the Walmer community website and a resident of Church Street, spoke to Yourdover about the "constant worry" felt by occupants.

He said: "I'm lucky enough to live slightly away from the part of the road that floods, but I've seen how bad it gets. People are absolutely fed up with the situation."

"There's a dip in the road and water from the surrounding area converges here outside a number of houses."

"These are all old terraced properties with low thresholds and all of them have basements which water gets into."

Flooding in Church Street has been happen-



ENGULFED: Church Street was under two feet of water during floods last week, an increasingly common occurrence

ing for years, but despite work carried out by Southern Water two years ago to try to improve the road gullies, nothing has worked.

Residents have since contacted Southern Water to ask that the matter be dealt with, but as of yet nothing has been done.

Mr Wyld said: "All they say is they're investigating the situation, but something needs to be done."

"This is more than just a trickle – it's getting into people's properties."

As well as permanent sandbags in the street, residents affected by the flooding have been given Road Closed signs by Kent Highways to put out when flooding occurs to stop cars driving through.

If a car drives down the street when flooded,

it causes a wave of water which then rises above the sandbags.

As well as the dip in the road, Mr Wyld firmly believes development around the area has contributed to the problem.

He said: "Now the fields are built on, there's nowhere for the water to soak in – it can't be absorbed by concrete."

A spokesperson at Southern Water said: "Due to intense rainfall, Church Street was affected by excess surface water which overwhelmed the sewerage system with more water than it is designed to deal with."

"We are carrying out investigations to find the exact cause of the flooding in this area and will investigate where and if improvements to the system can be made."

Campaign gave us a safer spring

MORE than 100 young people were stopped by police in Dover and Deal as part of the Safer Spring campaign.

Officers also confiscated 33 bottles and cans of alcohol from underage drinkers.

Extra officers have been patrolling areas where young people are known to congregate and cause trouble, and licensing checks have been carried out to make sure alcohol is not being sold to under-18s.

Inspector Paul Ludwig from the Neighbourhood Policing and Crime Reduction Unit, said: "We have taken the names and details of a number of young people who were drinking illegally in a public place."

"We will monitor the situation and if they are caught again we will take further action."

The Safer Spring Campaign was launched at the end of March to tackle antisocial behaviour and burglary.

The scheme ran until the end of May, but officers will continue with patrols in nuisance areas while Kent Police work on plans for a summer campaign.

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 Join Julie Maddocks at The Allotment for a cook-along

Four taken to hospital after smash on A20

RESCUE crews rushed to the scene after four vehicles were involved in a crash near the Roundhill Tunnels on the A20 just outside Folkestone.

Firefighters discovered two cars and two foreign-registered HGVs had been involved in the incident after they received an alert at about 1.20pm yesterday (Tuesday).

The incident took place in thick fog and police closed off the access roads to enable emergency vehicles to reach the scene.

Four people were taken to William Harvey Hospital suffering serious but not fatal injuries.

Roads were due to be reopened at 5pm, in time for the evening rush-hour.

A police spokeswoman said: "The accident took place on the coast-bound carriageway of the A20, which was immediately closed off."

"Other nearby roads were also closed to traffic. Firefighters, police, ambulance workers and the air ambulance all attended the scene."

The incident took place in an area where last year a 170-vehicle pile-up occurred, again in fog.

This crash resulted in the death of Derek Bostock, from Cheriton, and following an investigation 13 motorists were prosecuted for dangerous driving, including Hungarian lorry driver Gabor Frank.

French are good sports as they take home the cross-Channel trophy

THE Dover Calais Festival of Sport has proved a success yet again despite the French competitors going home with the prize.

The annual event, organised by Dover Town Council, saw more than 300 visitors coming from across the Channel to compete against their English counterparts.

Teams from the French town battled it out against teams from Dover in a day of sporting events.

Although Calais scraped through as winners following a closely fought competition, organisers behind the event were thrilled with how the day went.

The new Mayor of Dover, Cllr Diane Smallwood, was pleased with how the event panned out.

She said: "It was a most enjoyable day, excellent for entente cordiale and our local economy, with so many visitors."

Cllr Smallwood, who is a former national high-jump champion, joined in with the games and had a go at fishing and petanque.

The recently appointed mayor also got her family involved, with her son Dominic, who lives in Calais, playing volleyball for the French team.

Taking place for over 30 years, the Dover Calais Festival of Sport is an important calendar date for both towns, with the venue alternating between France and England each year.

A host of different sports took place across the district.

Samphire Hoe hosted the fishing, the harbour provided a setting for the sailing competition and several pubs saw teams taking part in darts and skittles.

Hockey, football, karate, badminton and many other sports were played throughout the day, with Calais taking gold with 20 points against Dover's 12.

This year, the Dover Calais Festival of Sport was part of the Festival of Dover 2008 which sees a number of events taking place throughout the year. You can visit www.festivalof Dover.co.uk for more details.

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Wheel help on its way to The Gambia

CHILDREN in The Gambia are set to benefit from bikes donated from police stations in Dover and Folkestone.

Kent Police has given 500 unclaimed bikes to the Immigration Removal Centre (IRC) at Dover's Western Heights, where detainees have refurbished them before they are shipped to West Africa.

Kevin Sharman, a prison officer, set up a workshop in 2006 at the IRC to give detainees something to do, as well as teaching them mechanical and repair skills to take home with them.

Since the scheme began, more than 1,000 recycled bikes have been shipped out to developing countries, with the intention for them to be used by children to get to school.

Jole Rider, a charity that works on creating positive change initiatives in Africa, organises the shipping.

Helen King, a director at the charity, said: "This means children don't have to trek up to ten miles in the searing heat to get to school and back."

Pfizer staff pack bags for charity

STAFF at Pfizer have spring-cleaned their homes in aid of leading charity The Children's Society.

As part of the company's annual fund-raising initiative, the Big Bag Drop, more than 1,316 bags of unwanted goods were collected and taken to The Children's Society shops in Deal and Canterbury.

It is thought some £17,000 could be raised through the sale of the items.

Dr Annette Doherty, research site head and site leader at Pfizer, said: "The people working at our European R&D headquarters at Sandwich are very enthusiastic and generous in their support."

"The Big Bag Drop has certainly captured everyone's imagination."

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It's action stations at Dover Castle, where history is brought to life

Port growth plans move to next level

BY MARIJKE COX

DOVER Harbour Board has started the third round of consultation for its new terminal and marina project.

Plans for the £420 million development include four new ferry berths and a new marina at the Western Docks.

The finds of an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) were made available during an exhibition on Tuesday last week, when members of the public had the opportunity to question representatives about the plans.

The EIA looks at a number of different factors, including soil quality, coastal processes, marine ecology, tourism, recreation and sustainability.

The harbour board is now working through the findings of the work and as a result certain proposals are being looked into.

These include the extension of Admiralty Pier by 100 metres to improve wave climate in the harbour, and the reduction of Prince of Wales Pier by 80m to improve navigational access.

Another part of the development will be to create a navigable channel between the new marina and existing Wellington Dock.

Through the EIA it was also discovered that protected marine fauna and flora species were unlikely to be detrimentally affected and the visual impact of the development would be slight through sensitive design and choice of materials.

Partnership

Bob Goldfield, the port's chief executive, said: "Plans move apace as we go towards the planning."

"This is very much a partnership between us, Dover District Council, SEEDA and the other agencies involved. It's not a speculative build but a very necessary build."

"We are hoping everyone will be happy and this consultation is being held to explain

things to the public. So far, people have been open-minded."

Through the development of the Western Docks, an estimated 1,000 jobs will be created, and there should be big improvements to conditions in the harbour.

Mr Goldfield said: "Capacity at the Eastern Docks ferry terminal is running out and the forecasts are for growth in both freight and tourist traffic."

"We would like to have Terminal 2 open by 2013, or Dover is set to be faced with some very difficult traffic management challenges."

The port was required to carry out the EIA as part of an environmental statement to accompany its planning application.

Mr Goldfield said: "We already knew a lot about the environment in the harbour through our industry-leading monitoring work. Now we recognise how important it is to leave no stone unturned in this critical area."

Funding for the project is coming from DHB, but joining up with a third-party investor is a possibility.

REDCOATS MAN THE RAMPARTS



The crash of musket fire resounded around the Napoleonic fort on Dover's Western Heights at the weekend as spectators saw a re-creation of the massive structure's years of active service.

The fortress was built during the 19th century when the threat of invasion from France was very real. Since then it has served as a military base during both world wars, but it is now abandoned.

Although open to visitors all year, the weekend saw the normally shut galleries, armouries and ramparts made accessible, along with the Grand Shaft, which links the Heights to the town's docks.

Re-creating the era of the Napoleonic war were military enthusiasts from Folkestone, Dover, Thanet and Faversham - they dressed in the famous redcoats worn by the 1st Regiment of Grenadier Guards at the Battle of Waterloo in 1815.

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ON THE MOVE: A new home has finally been chosen for the statue to commemorate our county's mining past

The waiting's over for miner

■ BY MARIJKE COX

THE Waiting Miner on Dover seafront is "going home" following a unanimous decision by Dover District Council.

The statue, commissioned by the Central Electricity Board, will be moved to the entrance of Fowlmead Country Park, near Deal, next to the Miner's Way Trail, which many deem to be its rightful home.

The move follows an 18 month-long Move The Miner campaign, which called for the famous figure to be located somewhere that more represented all the mining communities in east Kent.

Despite people from original mining villages hoping it would go to them, Gary Cox, chairman of the Move The Miner group, believes it is now in a place that can benefit everyone.

He said: "The statue was originally commissioned to thank the miners and the mining communities of Kent.

"It was never meant for one individual place, but at the time of its donation to the council there was no place for it, so it was put on Dover seafront next to the National Coal Board offices.

"Now it's going to be put next to the Miner's Way Trail and will benefit all those who visit, as well as encouraging others to come and see it."

Mr Cox, who worked at the Betteshanger colliery, said the problem with having just one statue meant that only one place was granted the honour.

But despite opposition from other mining communities in the district its final place has been chosen and preparations, including getting planning permission, will begin.

Mr Cox said: "We've cautiously and carefully stated our arguments and explained that although we understand why other villages would want it, it can only go to one place.

"Every mining community has their reasons that the statue should go to them, but we believe it should be used for the good of the whole of Kent."

The statue, which has sat on Dover seafront since 1997, was originally located at Richborough power station in 1966 to commend the miners of Kent for their hard work in keeping the station working.

When it closed, the Central Electricity Board donated it to Dover District Council and it was placed next to the National Coal Board offices, which have since been closed.

Mr Cox said: "Having the statue next to the Miner's Way Trail will mean thousands of people will see it.

"As well as being on the A258, the cycle path at Fowlmead is getting to be heavily involved in the Olympics, so visitors from all around will see it, too."

It is envisaged that the statue will be moved by next year, with floodlights, security cameras and information stones telling the history of the four Kent pits alongside.

yourdover NEWS IN BRIEF

Univeristy to benefit from charitable effort

EAST Kent Freemasons have donated a staggering £56,500 to the University of Kent for groundbreaking research into Acute Myeloid Leukaemia.

The funds, given on behalf of the Freemason's Grand Charity, were presented to Dr Peter Nicholls and Dr Dan Lloyd of the university by the Provincial Grand Master of East Kent, Michael Robin Bailey.

On receiving the cheque, Dr Nicholls said funding from charity rather than the normal research funding was both humbling and gratifying.

He and his colleagues at the University of Kent in Canterbury are exploring the use of a new technique which could possibly kill cancer cells more effectively than chemotherapy.

The technique, called radioimmunotherapy, has already been used successfully to treat patients with lymphoma.

Almost 2,000 people are diagnosed with the disease in Britain each year, which makes it one of the most common forms of leukaemia.

Public are invited to join in a healthy discussion

MEMBERS of the public are being invited to have their say on which services should be provided at the new community health facility planned for Dover.

The meeting is being held at The Ark on Noah's Ark Road on Wednesday, June 11, from 10am until noon.

Those wishing to attend are asked to phone Hannah Price on 01304 216858, or email hannah.price@eastcoastkent.nhs.uk.

Opening hours for the minor injuries unit at Buckland Hospital are being extended from Saturday. The new hours are 8am-8pm daily, except Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

Improve your soil at recycling meeting

GARDENERS are being given the chance to buy reduced soil improver during a recycling meeting.

Organised by Dover District Council and the county council, the meeting aims to answer questions about home composting.

The meeting is being held on Saturday, at Whitfield Housing Waste Recycling Centre between 10am-2pm.

Since the kerbside collection scheme was launched in 2005, more than 6,500 tonnes of waste has been recycled into soil improver.

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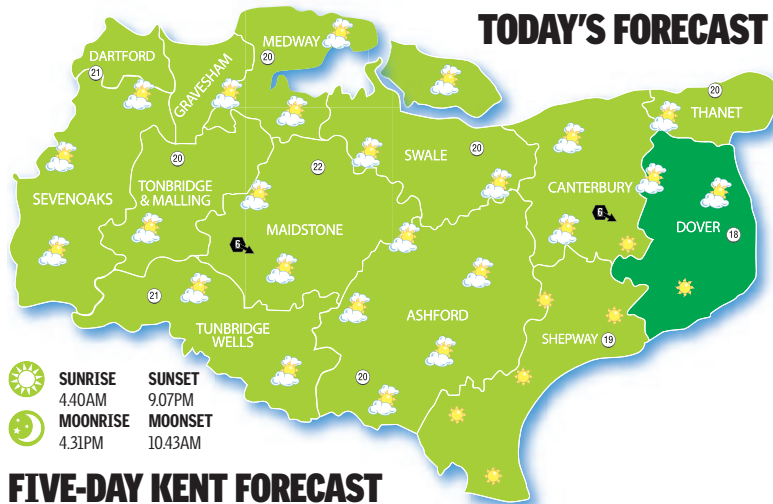
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	Sunday	1:37pm	7.6m
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	Sunday	2:18pm	5.0m
Sheerness	Saturday	2:26pm	5.7m
	Sunday	3:13pm	5.7m
Whitstable	Saturday	2:35pm	5.2m
	Sunday	3:23pm	5.2m



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Chatham	17°C	18°C	18°C	19°C	19°C	Ramsgate	18°C	19°C	19°C	19°C	19°C
Dartford	19°C	21°C	21°C	20°C	22°C	Rochester	17°C	18°C	18°C	19°C	19°C
Dover	17°C	18°C	16°C	16°C	16°C	Sevenoaks	17°C	19°C	18°C	18°C	20°C
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Grease is the word

FANS of Grease might just get the one they want with a free outdoor cinema showing of the hit movie musical in Dover.

Organised by the district council, the event marks the 30th anniversary of the film's release and fans are invited to join in the fun by dressing in 1950s gear. The showing will be on Friday, August 22, in Connaught Park.

Tickets, on a first come first served basis, will be available in July from district council area offices, with a maximum of five per person.

Those picking up tickets must be over 18 years old and proof of living in the Dover district must be provided.

Fete's free family fun

THE 125th anniversary of Connaught Park in Dover is being celebrated next month with a free family fete.

As well as a magician, there will be a Punch and Judy show, brass band, outdoor games, dog show, stalls and display stands.

The district council event is on Sunday, July 20, from 12.30pm to 4.30pm. Visitors are invited to take along a picnic.

Crew's cuts on telly

A NORFOLKLINE ferry was the backdrop for the Street Barber from BBC1's prime-time programme The One Show.

Celebrity hairdresser Michael Douglas is on a mission to improve the nation's hair and decided to fit in a round trip to Dunkerque.

Crew volunteered to have new hairstyles from Michael, whose celebrity clients include Jonathan Ross and Amanda Holden. The results will be broadcast in July.

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IAN TAYLOR



Q Who or what brought you to the Dover district?

A I'm Doverian born and bred. I went to school at St Martin's Primary and Astor Secondary.

I have worked in a local bank, at the old borstal, for Kent County Council (twice, in education and adult social services), had a 26-year career in customer service with British Gas before it split up and worked in records management at Pfizer Research.

They were the day jobs., but I was also a mobile DJ and radio presenter, first as a 'pirate', then legitimately, including a brief stint on Radio Caroline when its ship was stranded in Dover in 1992.

I went on to be part of temporary stations Shepway Sound and White Cliffs Sound, and one of the founders of full-time station Neptune Radio, now part of the KM-fm network. I'm now retired but keeping busy.

As well as being spokesman for the Association of British Drivers & NO2ID, I am also a member of the Freedom Association and the Taxpayers' Alliance.

Q What is your favourite thing about the area?

A It's a beautiful location to call home... the countryside, the cliffs, the busy harbour – steeped in interesting history with a castle in a class of its own. Despite the clone high streets, east Kent's towns manage to retain some individual character. We are both far

enough away and conveniently near London, and the Continent is on the doorstep, giving Dover a cosmopolitan feel for a town of its size.

Q If there was anything you could change about Dover, what would it be?

A As local representative of the Association of British Drivers and member of the Dover A20 Action Group I want Dover to get the improved road transport links that a premier port needs and deserves.

An improved A20 and a major upgrading of the A2, including a Whitfield bypass – plus A258 improvements. Calais, after all, is served by three motorways and avoids most of our port traffic problems.

These and other suggestions I have put forward as part of the council's Local Development Framework consultation.

Q Aside from the transport links, what else would you like to see happen in the town?

A I would like to see a spirit of co-operation between the town and port rather than the animosity I come across, with the port being accused of doing nothing for the town. I believe the port does a lot for the town, not least in employment provision.

They were prepared to finance and build freight buffer zones but forced by local opposition to put plans aside.

The successful port needs to grow and thrive and deserves our support because it supports us. This can be done while at the same time enhancing the town.

Q Can you tell me about the campaign NO2ID and how successful you think it has been so far?

A NO2ID is a national non-party campaign opposing compulsory ID cards and the database state that lurks behind them. I believe passionately in personal privacy, liberties, freedom of the individual (under the law) and keeping state intrusion at a healthy arm's length – all threatened by the ID scheme, so I joined NO2ID and I started its Dover branch.

Q What are the main points you put across in your campaign?

A Space does not permit me to state all our arguments, but anyone is welcome to see at www.no2id.net, or, if they find us in the street, to take our leaflets. We have succeeded up to a point making our views known, but the Government keeps quiet about the 'devils in the details', limiting our effect.

Many people don't realise how it could affect them. They think it's just a card, when in fact the National Identity Register, and its potential to link to other Government, and even commercial, databases makes for worse fraud risk and won't deter terrorism or illegal immigration – and we now know that they can't be trusted to keep our details safe and secure.

Those very personal details and the record to be kept of card use will eventually create a record of virtually every move you make, 'tagged and tracked' like a criminal, with the potential for ever more control of those moves by any future government. If that isn't Orwellian, what is?

QA Ian Taylor, spokesman for NO2ID and for the Association of British Drivers, talks to Marijke Cox about his love of Dover and the area and his reasons for supporting the anti-identity card organisation

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Drivers urged to vote against increased toll

BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

MOTORISTS across the county have been urged to join a protest against a planned 50 per cent price hike in toll charges at the Dartford River Crossing.

The rise in the fee from £1 to £1.50 to enter or leave Kent by the River Thames follows an 18-month public consultation into the future of charging and is expected to be introduced in the autumn.

This is despite the original cost of building the two tunnels under the River Thames and the QE2 Bridge over it having been met in 2002 - with the legal authority to charge a toll expiring in April 2003.

The toll is being regarded by critics as another stealth tax on motorists. But supporters say drivers will save money in the period between 10pm and 6am, when crossings will be free.

Gordon Henderson, the Conservative parliamentary candidate for Sittingbourne and Sheppey, wants families in Kent to sign an online petition calling for Prime Minister Gordon Brown to scrap the charge.

Scandal

He said: "Most motorists in Kent use the Dartford Crossing at some time and many people use it regularly."

"It is a scandal that although the cost of constructing the crossing was covered years ago, we poor motorists are still being stung for almost £100 million each and every year."

"To propose increasing the cost by 50 per cent is quite simply daylight robbery."

The crossing between Dartford and Thurrock is operated jointly by Le Crossing Company Ltd and the Department for Transport.

A DfT spokesman said that scrapping the charge would be counterproductive and that compromises were already in place.

He said: "We recognise that traffic levels are



ENOUGH! The Dartford River Crossing is frequently at a standstill, but price rise protesters say putting up the cost of using the tunnels or the bridge is not the way to improve the situation and would be another stealth tax on motorists

bad, but we are already taking steps to try to reduce the level of congestion through the Dart Tag scheme and dropping charges at night.

"Our modelling shows that at peak times the bridge and tunnels can be overwhelmed, so the fee is intended more as a congestion charge, which is then lifted at quieter times."

The department says that congestion levels would rise if the 'user fee' for the bridge and tunnels was scrapped and is keeping the original £1 charge for those drivers using its pre-paid Dart Tag system.

However, the online petition on the No 10 Downing Street website states that removing the toll booths would significantly reduce the

amount of traffic queuing up on either side.

It also states that the exhaust fumes generated by the cars waiting in line cause unnecessary environmental damage and that the delays add extra expense to business and transport costs. The latest demand on drivers comes as the Government is facing mounting pressure over rising fuel costs.

As KOS Media reported last week, almost 100 truckers from Kent joined a fleet of 500 lorries which converged on Downing Street to protest at the cost of diesel for haulage firms.

Mr Brown has since warned that high oil prices are here to stay, following a meeting with industry bosses last week.

Police to get more beat time with hand-helds

KENT POLICE has been chosen as one of 27 forces across the UK to receive funding so it can invest in hand-held computers.

The force will receive £1.9 million in funding to cover the costs of 1,100 portable computers for patrol officers.

A further 150 mobile information devices will be installed in marked police cars. Nationwide the scheme is costing a total of £50 million.

The new devices will allow officers on patrol to access police databases and complete some of their necessary paperwork without having to return to a police station.

Supporters of the scheme say this will allow them to have more time on the front line and some of the equipment has already been trialled successfully across the county.

Technology

Assistant Chief Constable Steve Harris said: "Officers have to spend time accessing police database systems and completing paperwork in police stations rather than spending time on our streets, where they are most needed."

"While paperwork is a necessity for every force, this initiative will help officers use their time effectively and allow access to database systems while remaining a visible presence within the community."

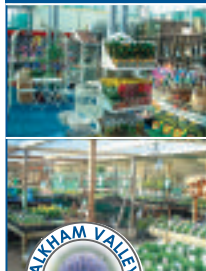
Policing Minister Tony McNulty said: "We are investing in new technology to make crime-fighting more effective and to save officers' time."

"This £50m capital fund will deliver 10,000 mobile data devices to forces nationwide."

"It is just one element of a range of improvements we are delivering to cut unnecessary bureaucracy, exploit new technologies and enable police officers to spend more time on front-line policing."

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Our wildlife counts

BY NICK AMES

THIS year is the 50th anniversary of the Kent Wildlife Trust and it is to be marked by the biggest environmental survey of the county ever made.

The trust, which has Absolutely Fabulous actress Joanna Lumley as its patron, manages 60 nature reserves covering 7,500 acres.

During the year a total of 800,000 copies of This Is Your Wildlife Survey 2008 will be distributed to households.

The survey asks seven questions covering issues such as the importance of wildlife sites and the animals, birds and fish which live there, the role of councils and other bodies in protecting the natural environment, what more needs to be done in this field and the importance of the countryside in political terms.

It also includes a calendar of events and details of the trust itself, which manages a range of habitats, including coastal areas, woodland, downland, forest and marsh as well as rivers and lakes.



SAFE AND SOUND: Dormice are among hundreds of animals protected by the trust

Chief executive John Bennett says he feels the findings of the survey will prove valuable in pointing the way forward for work to preserve the county's natural heritage for coming generations.

He said: "We've been protecting wildlife in the Garden of England for 50 years now and we want to ensure the next 50 years are even more productive. We want to

know what people think to inform the work of both the trust and the county's decision-makers."

The first 135,000 leaflets will be delivered in the coming weeks across the east of the county.

A series of events called This Is Your Wildlife is being held across the county to mark the trust's 50th anniversary.

The next major event will see a

free family day being held at the trust's largest nature reserve, which includes the area around Sandwich and Pegwell Bays.

It takes place on the weekend of June 21-22 from 10am to 4pm, when visitors can take part in guided walks, classes in wildlife, specialist photography and activities for children at different areas of the reserve.

The area includes beaches, salt-marshes, sand-dunes and mud-flats, which are home to an internationally important selection of birds, particularly waders and wildfowl.

Hundreds of visitors were also treated to a wildlife display earlier this month at the first This Is Your Wildlife event.

The trust's Marden Meadow nature reserve, near Staplehurst, was opened to the public so they could see thousands of green-winged orchids combined with masses of buttercups as the perfect backdrop to displays of wildlife.

Slices of the largest birdseed cake ever made and which marked the trust's 50th anniversary were served to visitors.

The cake was made at the trust's Tyland Barn headquarters near Maidstone.



Warning: cure is great, but still wash your hands

THE news that scientists could be on the brink of a cure for MRSA has been broadly welcomed by a hygiene and infection control campaigner.

A research firm based in Brighton is already carrying out human trials on the drug and claimed its discovery could be used in hospital wards to prevent spread of the infection by 2011 and within six years could cure patients.

But Tony Charlton, whose mother-in-law was one of 90 patients to die during super-bug outbreaks at hospitals in Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells, urged caution.

He said: "I was delighted by the news and the possibility it could be used for *Clostridium difficile* in the future.

"My only reservation is, will it stop people concentrating on basic hygiene? If something can be cured, then people tend to pay less attention to the basics."

Mr Charlton, who has been campaigning tirelessly to raise awareness about super-bugs since the untimely death of his "very fit and active" 86-year-old loved one, compared the discovery of a cure to the over-reliance on antibiotics.

New cures and treatments are needed now because infections have become resistant to antibiotics, he said.

MRSA, which killed 134 people in Kent between 2002 and 2006, causes fewer deaths than *C diff* but can leave people severely disabled.

KOS Media is running a campaign to promote basic hygiene at home and in hospitals and healthcare centres across the county.

Simply washing your hands is currently the best way to help healthcare professionals beat superbugs.

High Speed One could become Continental

EUROTUNNEL is considering putting in a bid to buy the new high-speed rail line which will link towns in the county with London from 2009.

Franchise operators like South East Trains would then pay Eurotunnel, which owns and runs the Channel Tunnel, to use the fast track.

The move comes after the company completed an internal restructuring which has restored it to financial health by rearranging existing financial commitments.

Making an offer for the rail link between London St Pancras and the Channel Tunnel is a natural move for Eurotunnel, which already counts Eurostar as a client, according to bosses at the cross-Channel link operator.

The new rail line - called High Speed One - will cut journey times to London from towns such as Ashford, Folkestone, Canterbury and Ramsgate by about a half of the existing timetable. It will also make Medway quicker to get to from the City of London than places

in the capital itself, such as Clapham and Wimbledon - traditionally affluent suburbs.

Eurotunnel boss Jacques Gounon said he would be looking at ways of growing the business, including the bid for the high-speed line when it is put up for sale in the coming months by Government-backed London and Continental Railways.

"Eurotunnel now has a strong balance sheet. We will certainly consider the high-speed line," said Mr Gounon.

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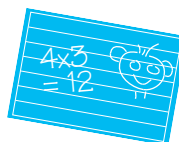
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BREAK TIME



School choir to sing at St Paul's, London

THE choir at Dover Grammar School for Boys has been invited to perform at St Paul's Cathedral.

The invitation follows the success of their previous performances during the Evensong services at Holy Trinity Church in Folkestone and St Alban's Cathedral.

The 30-strong choir, made up of pupils at the school, will perform in London on June 27. Charles Spanner, the school's director of music, has arranged the trip.

Potential is the brand

FORTY school leavers from Dover are taking part in a pilot programme designed to help with the transition from education to work.

The project, The Brand You Experience, aims to assist young people achieve their full potential and over a five-day course will help package them into a brand for potential employers.

It runs from June 30 with an exhibition on July 4 at the Pines Calyx in St Margaret's Bay.

Any Dover businesses looking for talent can call Dean Martin on 01843 844939 for an invitation.

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Kung-fu fighters take a comedy turn at school

■ BY MARIJKE COX

HOPEFUL young actors at Sandwich Technology School have taken on the form of kung-fu fighters in a 1970s-style short film.

Directed by the school's resident film maker, Bruce Partleton, the feature, entitled Tiny Fists, uses a Bruce Lee-style format, including dubbing, acrobatic fight scenes and martial arts weaponry.

Stephen Sawtell, media coordinator at the school, is assisting Mr Partleton and together they spent a week filming each scene with the students.

Mr Partleton said: "I've already made two short films with older pupils and after my colleagues suggested I start a film club with year eight pupils, I thought I'd do the same with them."

"The idea for a kung-fu film comes from my childhood. I was brought up on it - my Dad was really into it."

"These days though kids watch movies like The Matrix and Kill Bill which aren't really the same."

"It was great filming a 70s-style kung-fu movie with year eights as at 13-years-old they're energetic and very agile."

"Each one of the 16 pupils involved has a different look and it's through this we decided on their characters."

Mr Partleton, who has worked with Brenda Blethyn on another of his short films, The Drama Room, sees the project as a very personal thing.

He said: "For me this is about making a film and nothing else. My passion has passed over to the kids and that's what's inspired them."

"They never stopped contributing during filming and were full of ideas."

Fight sequences in the film were choreo-



ACTION: Bruce Partleton prepares to shoot a scene for Tiny Fists, a film with pupils of Sandwich Technology College

graphed with the help of Mr Partleton's knowledge of martial arts, in which he trained years ago.

Costumes, props and even a rickshaw were created with the help of the technology department in the school, and the in-house band, Audio Shock, and the music teacher assisted with the soundtrack.

Different locations were also used to shoot the scenes, including Kearsney Abbey, Gazen Salts Nature Reserve and the Guildhall in Sandwich.

Mr Sawtell said: "We were really lucky with the weather as it was sunny and we wanted it to be an over-the-top colourful and bright production."

"It's definitely a film worthy of promotion."

Mr Partleton said: "This is a visual, artistic feast of a comedy for those who watch it and I'm looking forward to the kids seeing it completed on July 9."

"There's still so much editing to do though - a 20 second fight scene can take hours to do and the film runs for 40 minutes."

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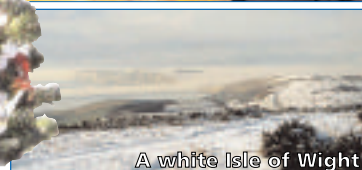
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Homophobia lives despite progress in recent years

MAY 17 marked International Day Against Homophobia and there were events to coincide with it across the UK and around the world.

The day and organisation were started by French gay man Louis George-Tin a few years ago, based on the 1990 decision by the World Health Organisation to de-list homosexuality as a mental disorder.

The event has happened annually since, but a lot of campaign work is done in between.

Why do we need to continue with efforts to challenge such bigotry?, some may ask. After all, given the advances made in lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) rights in the past few years, surely things are far better than they were?

Unfortunately, things are not as rosy as they may seem. Last year, LGBT campaign group Stonewall published a disturbing report into the abuse suffered by LGBT school students, or those who are perceived as being gay.

It found that more than 60 per cent are subject to regular abuse and threats, including one in six receiving 'death threats'.

Despite the need to tackle this, the Government hasn't put teaching about LGBT issues, along with sex education in general, on the National Curriculum.

True, it has sent out strong guidelines to all secondary schools via county councils (KCC did so immediately), but the response has been patchy at best.

Stonewall published a report which clearly showed the high level of discrimination and abuse in the workplace for LGBT adults.

Religions, both fundamentalist and mainstream clergy/scholars alike, continue to issue anti-LGBT statements.

There was a demonstration at Rochester Cathedral on May 17 challenging the Bishop of Rochester's homophobic remarks.

Last year the bishop (the Rt Rev Dr Michael Nazir-Ali) spoke against gay adoptions and civil partnerships, and then complained about US gay bishop Gene Robinson.

However, as Dr Nazir-Ali has suffered abuse and threats because he converted from Islam to Christianity, we asked him why he was still so unsympathetic to LGBT people.

He was challenged to attend the Lambeth Conference in Canterbury to meet Bishop Robinson, who is coming over uninvited.

Finally, Kent Police and the Crown Prosecution Service, who have both made great strides in developing new contacts, policies and attitudes towards LGBT people since 1997, held a diversity seminar on May 17.

The speaker was Ben Summerskill, chief executive officer of Stonewall, and the meeting was opened by Deputy Chief Constable Adrian Lepper.

These efforts and more will continue – they are very necessary if our societies are ever to remove fully the scourge of bigotry, whether against LGBT or indeed minority groups.

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TALK TIME

RACHAEL DANIELS

The creative director of White Nave CIC on why art is a great way to bring our communities together



Can you tell me a little bit about yourself?

I was born in Canterbury and have lived in Kent for most of my life. I've worked in the arts for over eight years and been involved in arts management since 2002. I moved to Dover last year when my mother, Sue, and I founded the White Nave community interest company - set up to provide support for artists and to bring art to the heart of communities in Kent.

What is Charlton Art Centre and why was it set up?

Charlton Art Centre has been created by property group Targetfollow, which owns the Charlton Shopping Centre and is committed to encouraging and supporting art in communities. We have an agreement with the group to manage, in partnership, the day to day running of this new arts space in Dover.

What is your role within the centre?

Although we have no funding as yet and will not receive any payment for our services, we have a large project space within the centre at a reduced rent. This will provide a base for our Artists' Fulcrum membership group to support graduated fine artists and will enable us to deliver our community workshops and projects that respond to local needs, interests and cultures. Despite the lack of funds, this was an opportunity for Dover that we could not pass on.

What do you think it will bring to Dover?

There's a plethora of research on the positive effect the arts have on social cohesion and economic success and regeneration. However, economic, social and environmental regeneration are about communities and life at a local level. Art is a great communicator, it is open to all and will help our communities develop a sense of belonging and ownership of the town's regeneration.

YOUR LETTERS

Man of integrity and passion

Many tributes have been made to Norman Gilchrist, the former councillor and Mayor of Deal, whose funeral was last week.

I will remember Norman not just for his commitment to the interests of Deal but for his passion.

Norman was a passionate defender of the rights of people with mental health problems who for years visited psychiatric wards to make sure that the needs of the patients were being met. Norman was not only a man of great integrity, but also someone truly committed to the welfare of all.

Cllr Ben Bano, leader of Dover District Council Labour group

Some politicians do work very hard

I was rather disappointed to read that Ian Munton feels let down by politicians who don't seem to care (Letters, May 14).

Perhaps because I am only a district councillor, I am not regarded as a politician, but I have attended all the public meetings in respect of the lorry park and recycling plant (other than the Brabourne and Smeeth meeting, when I was on holiday) and I was right in the middle of the protest march speaking to as many people as possible.

I have voiced my objections to both, and Michael Howard, our MP, has clearly stated he is against the recycling plant.

Susan Carey, our county councillor, has also attended all meetings (including the one I missed) but was unable to attend the march because of a prior commitment.



DON'T BERATE PRINCES

The blogger (May 7) who vilified Princess Diana's two sons has a chip on his/her shoulder that has led to a damning article.

What that may be was not mentioned; however, the tone of his/her comments was unpatriotic and inaccurate.

As an ex-military man, I know there are certain conditions in war zones in which two different armies will accept field authority from other officers. Second Lieutenant Harry Wales was in an air liaison role identifying and communicating grid references of targets for air strikes to the RAF and USAF.

This is not giving "orders" from another nation's army to another, but communicating information to achieve objectives.

The flight officers and wing commanders would be giving "orders" either to attack or not the targets, not Prince Harry. Chinooks are in short supply because of the severe cuts in Ministry of Defence spending levered by the present government, but you have to have some non-operational for training purposes.

Prince William is trying build his solo hours flying for operational duties and whether he just stooges about cross-country flying or goes to events makes little difference to the cost.

My family has proudly served crown and country since Napoleonic times. If the blogger feels so badly about our monarchy, he/she should emigrate to another country, the further the better.

John Atkins, Greatstone

She has clearly stated that she too is against both applications. I have a full-time job and a family but, as people who read

our local news sheet will know, I try my best to represent the views of and act on behalf of residents.

Recently, I made a representation to Shepway council and the county council because residents could not use their bus pass before 9.30am. This week Cllr Carey informed me that she too had lobbied the county council and it had revised the decision so that bus passes can be used from 9am.

Jenny Hollingsbee, via email

Channel School was brilliant

I am a former pupil of the Channel School, now at Folkestone Academy.

I read in Yourshepway about principal John Patterson dying and read: "The old Channel School was the place for children who knew they were there because nowhere else wanted them as they had been passed over by all the other schools."

That is not at all true.

I chose to go the Channel School - I passed my 11-plus exam and got offered a place at grammar school, but I felt much better at the Channel School.

We all know that is not true - Channel was a brilliant school.

Martyn Austin, via email

Town has excellent cinema to enjoy

I was surprised to read Andrew Pearson's letter that Dover hasn't got a cinema.

Mr Pearson and the editor obviously don't know their Dover very well.

We have a fairly new cinema, which was incorporated into the old market conversion and is part of the museum and discovery complex.

The entrance is at the side of the museum. There are usually three or four films shown during the week.

Mary E Morgan, via email

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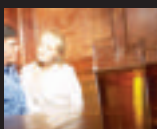
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ON THE BUS

Monday, June 9

Assembly Hall Theatre, Tunbridge Wells



THREE top performers will be getting on the bus to bring an evening of old-fashioned variety to Kent next week.

Comedians Harry Hill and Lee Mack will join magician Paul Zenon and a host of acts for On The Bus, a show that celebrates the best in live entertainment.

It will help also to raise funds for Zenon's pet project, Wonderbus, which offers great days and evenings out for the elderly.

Wonderbus was inspired by a chance meeting with an old friend at the funeral of Zenon's grandmother.

When he was a child, his grandmother had arranged a trip to the theatre for Zenon and his friends – an event which would ignite his own interest in show business – and Zenon decided it was time to return the favour.

"Television is not geared towards old people, but they deserve it because they're not going out every night," he said. "Being old in this country can be about isolation. Wonderbus is not just about seeing a show, but also meeting the neighbours."

Zenon's screen career began in children's television, which led to him creating his own kids' show Crazy Cottage.

He was a pioneer of street magic, has appeared on numerous television programmes and is a regular guest in Countdown's Dictionary Corner.

Hill was educated at Cranbrook School, Kent, and gained a medical degree before taking a drastic change of direction into comedy.

He has enjoyed a hugely successful career as a stand-up and sketch comedian, having hosted several of his own radio and TV series.

His hit TV review show, the surreal Harry Hill's TV Burp, recently picked up two BAFTAs.

Mack is also no stranger to trophies, having been part of the BAFTA award-winning team on ITV's The Sketch Show.

His self-penned sitcom Not Going Out, in which he stars with Tim Vine and Sally Bretton, has picked up two gongs and his radio series The Lee Mack Show was nominated for a Sony Radio Award.

Completing the line-up will be an assortment of live musicians and specialist acts, in what Zenon described as "a variety show with a modern twist".



LIVE ENTERTAINMENT: Paul Zenon will be joined by the comedians Harry Hill and Lee Mack in a traditional variety show in support of Zenon's Wonderbus project for the elderly

"Until fairly recently variety shows had a bit of stigma, but people have discovered that they're not old-fashioned as long as the acts aren't," Zenon said. "Variety is very popular because people can't see it on TV."

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £15.

To book, phone the box office on 01892 530613/532072, or alternatively go to www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk.



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VICTORIANA DAY

Sunday, June 8
Dover Castle

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Dressed in colourful period costume, the Arbeau Dancers will demonstrate the court and social dances that were popular at the turn of the century.

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tions at the castle, which boasts an intriguing history. See one of Europe's best-preserved Roman lighthouses, watch Pathe news clips from the Second World War and the room where Admiral Sir Bertram Ramsay planned the Dunkirk evacuation. From medieval sieges to the

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The Victoriana event will run from 11am to 4pm. Tickets cost £10.30/£8.20 for adults, £5.20 for children and £25.80 for families.

For more information, visit the website at www.english-heritage.org.uk.

DOVER LEISURE

Join the fun and make historic houses mobile

TRACE the architectural history of our country at the next Family Day at Dover Museum on Saturday.

Everyone is invited to make a historical houses mobile, featuring anything from a Bronze Age hut to a Victorian terrace house. Just drop between 10am and 4.30pm. Normal museum entry fees apply, but admission is free for Dover District Council residents. Proof of address is required. For more details call 01304 201066.

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TRAVEL back in time at the 40s Re-enactment Weekend at East Kent Railway in Shepherdswell.

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Tickets cost £6/£5 for adults, £3 for children and £15 for families of four. For full details visit the website at www.eastkentrailway.co.uk.

Celtic music will get toes tapping on Friday

FOR some goodtime music, head down to the Three Horseshoes in Great Mongeham later this week.

Celtic duo Crooked Style will be performing live at the pub in Mongeham Road on Friday. Anyone who is interested in hearing the duo's music can listen online at www.crookedstyle.com.

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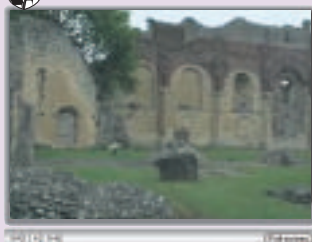
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Friday, June 13
Leas Cliff Hall, Folkstone

AFTER wowing the world with their stunningly accurate live production, The Australian Pink Floyd Show is coming to Shepway.

The new show is part of a 56-date tour of Europe and follows the band's extraordinary global success. The Australian Pink Floyd Show, or TAPFS, has conducted six arena tours of North America in the past four years and has just performed its first show in India.

Venues include London's Royal Albert Hall

and over the past 15 years TAPFS has become one of the most watched rock shows in the world. Pink Floyd founder David Gilmour is quoted as saying that TAPFS was an accurate portrayal of his own stage performances, with an injection of their own humour.

This year's show promises to be even more lavish than before with better lasers, lights, projections and inflatables. For the first time, the show will also include extended extracts from the classic 1979 double album The Wall performed live.

The show starts at 8pm and tickets cost £26.50/£24.50. To book, phone the box office on 0844 847 1776.

SELLING MUSIC FESTIVAL

Saturday and Sunday,
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LOCAL singer/songwriter Raphael Mead is just one of the many great artists appearing at Sellindge Music Festival.

Idelwild will undoubtedly be one of the weekend's highlights, but there will be more than 60 bands, artists and DJs taking part. Idelwild will headline the main stage on Saturday and the line-up will also include The Hair, Marner Brown, Syd Arthur, Steer Clear and Revolution.

On Sunday Mark Morriss of The Bluetones will be top of the bill, which also features Emunah, The Sea, Kris Dollimore, More Than Normal and Jamie & The Lionhearts.

There will also be a folk tent, hosting such great acts as Mead, Jon Woode, Waterhorse, Rory McLeod and Wheeler Street, while a host of outstanding DJs will be in the dance arena. Some of the best new musical talent will be showcased in the BBC Introducing tent, such as Seven Story Down and Los Salvadores.

Advance tickets cost £20 for a day or £40 for



the weekend, or £22/£44 on the day. Tickets are available online and from a number of local outlets. For full details go online at www.sellindgemusicfestival.co.uk.

yourmusic

All signed up and not a Belinda in earshot

BY SIMON ROBINSON

AFTER eight weeks of sporadic additions to the inaugural Hop Farm Festival, the line-up is finally complete.

The last place on the bill – for all you Guess Those Bands addicts out there – was given to Carbon/Silicon, a punk rock quartet boasting former Clash superstar Mick Jones.

Unfortunately, there was no room available for my GTB prediction of Belinda Carlisle. Accordingly, I scored no points.

While clearly angered/disappointed that festival organisers overlooked Mrs Carlisle, famed for worldwide smash hits such as Heaven is a Place on Earth, Circle in the Sand and (We Want) The Same Thing, the line-up is still incredibly strong.

Los Angeles-based indie stars Everest are set to take the stage after Carbon/Silicon, with critically acclaimed soloist Laura Marling set to follow.

Guillemots are next up, with revered US singer Rufus Wainwright filling the mid-point of the one-day event's musical offerings.

My Morning Jacket, Supergrass and Primal Scream will then perform before making way for headliner Neil Young to bring proceedings to a close.

Organiser Vince Power said the Hop Farm Festival would be different to mainstream summer events such as Reading/Leeds and V.

He said: "I've been watching the festival market for the last couple of years and I just felt that it was frustrating for the punter that there was such a big emphasis on sponsorship, VIP and upgrading your ticket to get into a special area."



"We did an online survey and the feedback was among young fans that often the person buying the ticket ended up feeling the lowest on the pecking order."

FINALLY: Carbon/Silicon (above) and Guillemots are among the last bands to sign up to the Hop Farm Festival

"I thought it was time to go back to basics and let it be about the punter and the music. I think you will see a change in festivals completely in the next two or three years."

"Bands rely on live performances much more than they did in previous years, the market is changing and I think the bigger bands will have a lot more input into the festivals because it is clear they could do their own festivals if they want to."

The open air Hop Farm Festival takes place on Sunday, July 6, with gates opening at 11.30am.

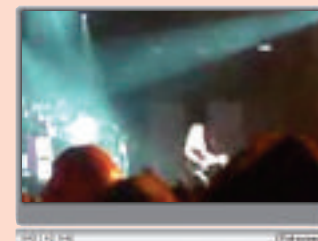
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BY LIZ GILL

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I woke long before the Asian dawn, partly to relish the experience of watching the full orange moon and the stars beyond my window, and partly to be ready to see daybreak as we journeyed on towards Bangkok.

It does not disappoint. It is not just the strange splendours of the scenery – the brilliant green paddy fields, the water lily-covered ponds, the distant smoky mountains – it's the storks and egrets catching their breakfasts, the water buffaloes lumbering into action, the cyclists who wave as they wait at the crossings on their way to work, all the homes on stilts with their lovingly-tended household shrines.

We are on the inaugural run of a new journey by the Eastern and Oriental Express from the Laos border down to Bangkok, and the excitement has been palpable from the moment the guard waved his flag at Nong Khai station.

The new Eurostar might be all about the



SOPHISTICATED: Travel in fine style in the Far East

speed, but here in south-east Asia the whole point is to travel at a more leisurely pace to savour the surroundings. So our train does not hurtle along, it progresses at a stately 40mph and because much of the trip is along a single track there is a certain amount of stopping and waiting in a siding for other trains to pass.

Nor is the journey as physically smooth as with modern Western trains. Travelling in the aftermath of the rainy season, we realise the track is more spongy and hence more bumpy.

By contrast, inside the train everything is lav-

ish and gorgeous: the last word in luxury is, after all, what people are paying for.

The interiors, by the same team who worked on sister train the Venice Simplon Orient Express, use wooden marquetry veneers, Chinese and Thai lacquer, Malaysian motifs, wall carvings, engraved mirrors and hand-embroidered silks.

As well as the sleeping compartments, which come in three styles and sizes – the Pullman, the State and the residential – there are two restaurant cars, a bar car with pianist, and a saloon car with reading area and tiny boutique selling themed trinkets. There are 40 local and European staff to look after the 132 passengers.

Dinner involves everyone dressed to the nines for a feast that combines the flavours of East and West. Entertainment comes in the form of traditional Thai dancers.

While we've been enjoying ourselves our stewards have been transforming the 'day setting' of our compartments into welcoming bedrooms.

In the morning they bring us breakfast and reverse the process before we make our way slowly into the teeming heart of Bangkok.

Bangkok was where our journey originally began. This was only the last leg of a trip which included three days in Thailand's capital and three in Laos's capital.

The two cities make a fascinating contrast: Bangkok bustling, vibrant, proudly monarchist, a riot of colour and noise and round-the-clock activity; Vientiane is softer, sleepier, once French-colonial, now firmly Communist cousin.

The Eastern and Oriental Express offers a quite unique perspective of the Far East in the 21st century.

FACT FILE: THAILAND (AND LAOS)

Time difference	UK +7hrs (same)
Capital	Bangkok (Vientiane)
Population	63 million (6.5 million)
Currency	Thai Baht 64 to £1 approx (Kip 175 to £1 approx)
Religion	Theravada Buddhism (Same)
Climate	Tropical (Same)
Language	Thai (Lao)

Holiday details

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COME DINE WITH ME

Channel 4, 8pm, Thursday

■ BY TOM BETTS

I WANT just one thing in life.

Forget the love, happiness and amazing cars that others seem to crave.

And children, wealth and family can all go on the backburner too.

I want to end my days, to shuffle off this mortal coil, knowing just one thing.

That I departed life with the rules of Jasper Carrot's teatime quiz, Goldenballs, firmly planted and understood in the old brain.

That'll do for me.

Somehow though, I fear that aim will remain unfulfilled.

For here is a quiz show that the combined IQs of Einstein, Newton and Hawking would struggle to figure out.

It appears to be good fun and everyone looks to be having a high old time, but I'm still not convinced that anyone really has a firm grasp of what's actually going on.

Host Jasper Carrot seems to be the only one to have it worked it all out, but then again he did have a top-five hit with a song called Funky Moped, so he is clearly some kind of genius.

REGULAR readers will I know I love a good cookery show.

I'm not sure why really as, away from the box, I can barely peel a trifle or boil a steak.

But nevertheless, I was as excited as an easily-satisfied movie-goer at a Pirates of the Caribbean premiere when I saw Channel 4 was offering up a new prime-time show concerned with the ways of the oven to grace our Thursday nights.

So imagine my disappointment and utter despair when they served up



MIDAS TOUCH: Jasper Carrot, who is the host of ITV1's teatime quiz show Goldenballs

Come Dine With Me, a show so inept that on the other side Holby Blue started to look like a viable alternative.

Yes, it is THAT bad.

Four rubbish cooks take turns to serve each other rubbish food at rubbish dinner parties over rubbish conversation, all tied together with a bad voiceover by some bloke who sounds as bored as I was.

The result for the viewer (who must give up an hour of their life to watch this tripe) is seeing one contestant receive £1,000.

Wow...

Hardly going to put your kids through college in these times of economic strangulation is it?

CDWM is little more than a waste of airtime between commercial breaks.

So take a bit of advice from me, if you can't stand the heat, don't go to the dinner party.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

THERE'S no point in hiding; Cupid is bound to find you. Warm, magnetic types are especially entranced by your cool demeanour. You could form a partnership that is pure fire and ice. If you're already with a partner, this would be a good time to lavish your mate with an expensive gift. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762



TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

THE security of home and family is vital to your well-being. When you start feeling fearful of the future, ask your loved ones for support. They'll be happy to support you if you falter. Your conservative approach to money could be a real selling point for potential employers. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Taurus** 09067-531753



LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

A STRONG urge to bond with friends could prompt you to cut back work in favour of social time. Follow this instinct at all costs. Lately, you've devoted too many hours to work. Your warmth and charm are evident to everyone. Someone you meet could put you on the trail of an excellent position. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Leo** 09067-531756



SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

AN instinctive understanding of other people's needs helps you climb the ladder of success. A romantic prospect is also impressed by your mastery, and may ask you for a date. Your mutual passion will be easily ignited by wine, candlelight, and soft music. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Scorpio** 09067-531759



PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

IF you are looking for a new home you could find a place that is very near to your employer. A caring relative could give you a valuable lead. Speaking from the heart helps to gain a colleague's trust. If something has been bothering you, go out and voice your concerns. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Pisces** 09067-531763



GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

YOU'LL be on a high this week, sharing your enthusiasm with everyone. Your optimism triggers generosity at every turn. This is a great time to promote ideas. The sheer force of your personality could prompt people to change opinions. If you could bottle this charm, you'd make a fortune. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Gemini** 09067-531754



VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

CAREER opportunities are cropping up. Although a firm offer may not come until next year, it's nice to have this prospect on the horizon. Your ability to assert leadership in a subtle way wins the admiration of your peers. The best authority figures don't have to flaunt their power. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Virgo** 09067-531757



SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

A CLOSE relationship may undergo an exciting new phase. Don't be surprised if you start looking at an old friend with a romantic glint in your eye. One thing is certain: Two heads are better than one this week. A glamorous trip could be in the cards. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Sagittarius** 09067-531760



ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

TAKING up a sport could expand your horizons. Your intellect is always sharpened by physical activity. Expanding your skill set will make you a much hotter commodity on the work front. An attentive admirer puts a spring in your step. Keep a new romance at the playful stage. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aries** 09067-531752



CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

YOU soak up the atmosphere like a sponge. That's why you need to be very careful about the company you keep. Surrounding yourself with cynics will drag you down. Stick close to the friends who make you laugh. Working behind the scenes could prove rewarding. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Cancer** 09067-531755



LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

YOUR political and ethical beliefs play a tremendous role in your relationships, but discussing such ideas can put a real strain on friendships. Happily, that won't be the case this week. It's refreshing to talk about important ideas with people you respect. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Libra** 09067-531758



CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

THIS is a wonderful time to launch a fitness program. Re-establishing that mind body connection will help you in other ways, too. All of a sudden, you won't feel the urge to dull your emotions with food and drink. Work off any tension at the gym, then give yourself a reward. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Capricorn** 09067-531761

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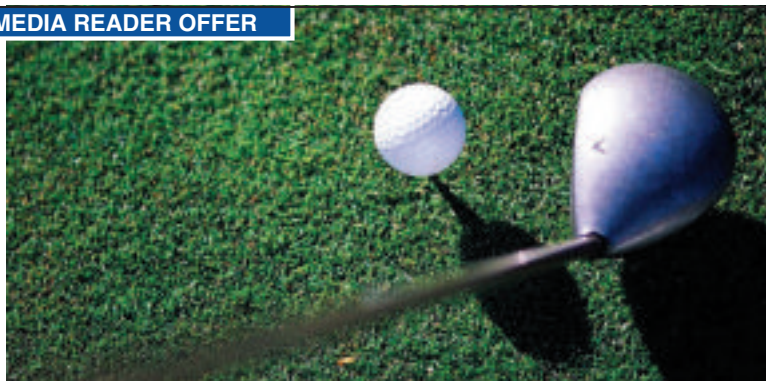
Golf's best known names including last year's victor Pádraig Harrington* will descend on Royal Birkdale, one of Britain's finest golf clubs. Having previously hosted two Ryder Cups, the Walker and Curtis Cups, the Women's British Open and, on eight occasions, the Open, Royal Birkdale is the perfect setting for the Open this summer.

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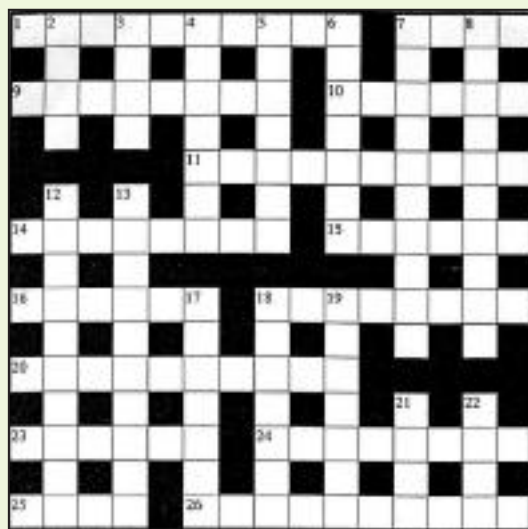


CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 After short time, head zookeeper with Ezra all confused, had cheese (10)
- 7 It might be burning in Caithness (4)
- 9 Haggard permitted to take glove (8)
- 10 Sensual redhead getting into waterway (6)
- 11 I have to try out all possibilities first being thorough (10)
- 14 Pus-sy? (8)
- 15 Crowd moving north gradually initially (6)
- 16 Fellow stiff and cold (6)
- 18 Rear left has trouble with violent reaction (8)
- 20 One in France was learned but had not been taught (10)
- 23 Lady had great mirth without it (6)
- 24 Wander about getting no end of fruit first from tropical tree (8)
- 25 Encountered Oriental on boundary (4)
- 26 Is one an ass to do such drudgery? (10)

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QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Increased fivefold (6,4)
- 7 Chilled (4)
- 9 Marine creature (4-4)
- 10 Affectedly elegant (2-2-2)
- 11 Unimportant (10)
- 14 Surprised expression (4,4)
- 15 Concealed (6)
- 16 Catchy rhyme (6)
- 18 Without noticing (8)
- 20 Pale (5-5)
- 23 Region well above the ground (6)
- 24 Albeit (8)
- 25 Move slowly (4)
- 26 Scientific test (10)

DOWN

- 2 Item (4)
- 3 Prohibited area (2-2)
- 4 Kiev's country (7)
- 5 Radical (7)
- 6 Samson's Philistine mistress (7)
- 7 Person (10)
- 8 Imperilled (10)
- 12 Treatment with drugs etc. (10)
- 13 Course taken by aircraft (6,4)
- 17 Compel (7)
- 18 Unfasten (7)
- 19 Accountant (7)
- 21 Type of lens (4)
- 22 Melon (4)

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19 Auditor 21 Zoom 22 Ogen. 13 Flight path 17 Entrance 18 Unclasp 7 Individual 8 Endangered 12 Medication 3 No-go 4 Ukraine 5 Liberal 6 Deltah 26 Experiment. DOWN: 2 Unit 15 Hidden 16 Jingle 18 Unaware 20 Pasty-faced 23 Mingle 24 Although 25 10 Lach-did 11 Irrelevant 14 Well well. ACROSS: 1 Quintupled 7 Teed 9 King-crab

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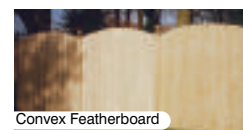
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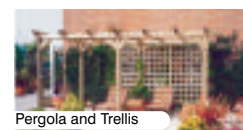


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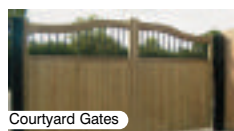


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Martin Lawrence is miscast as the wayward son who returns to his dysfunctional clan for his parents' anniversary. This culture clash comedy is anything but unpredictable or entertaining and feels longer than a wet weekend with your worst relatives.

INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM
OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL (12A)

The most eagerly anticipated film of the summer is a glorious nostalgia trip and delivers adrenaline-pumping thrills interspersed with smart one-liners during the action sequences. But the hocus pocus storyline is both gossamer thin and preposterous. Indy's latest outing is half the film it could have been.

CASSANDRA'S DREAM (12A)



Woody Allen's latest offering is a nightmare, especially for leading men Ewan McGregor and Colin Farrell, who wrestle with hysterically strained London accents, clumsy dialogue, ludicrous plotting and a complete lack of dramatic tension.

SJP enjoys sex
and the cinema

BY SHEREEN LOW

SINCE Sex And The City ended on UK screens in 2004, the series' leading lady Sarah Jessica Parker has sat in hotel rooms around the world promoting romantic comedies such as The Family Stone and Failure To Launch.

Yet she never imagined that, four years later, she would be discussing the big screen version of the hit TV show.

"I never thought I would be sitting here talking to you about this movie," reveals the 43-year-old, flicking her tousled hair.

Speaking from a New York hotel room the actress, who has a son – five-year-old James Wilkie – with actor husband Matthew Broderick, reveals she had a vital role in organising Sex And The City: The Movie.

"The seeds had been planted for the movie. Two years ago, in April 2006, I picked up the phone and started putting the pieces back together again," she recalls.

"In the latter part of summer 2006, we got Michael Patrick King, the director and writer, involved.

"I don't think Michael and I wanted to come back in series form. Our personal lives were different. I have a son who still really likes us and wants us around.

"Now is not the time for me to leave him but a movie is a finite period of time and so, lo and behold, two years later here we are."

And despite playing sex columnist Carrie Bradshaw for six years, Sarah Jessica, admits that she had initial doubts about reprising the role.

"I always just worry. It's who I am. I always think that I'm going to be fired the first week of any job," she says.

"I didn't think I was going to be fired from this but I thought I was disappointing Michael. I always think that – it's just the

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way that I function at the top of every job."

But it didn't take long for things to get back to the way they were.

"The first scene was seeing Chris [Noth, who plays Big] waving at him, walking across the street, kissing him, walking into an apartment building and all the first scenes of the movie. That was really what we shot first," she says.

"And for the first few days it was myself and Chris, and then it was Kristin [Davis, who plays Charlotte] and the last day of that week Kim [Cattrall, who plays Samantha] and Cynthia [Nixon, who plays Miranda] joined us.

"So by the time it was the four women on Park Avenue on that perfect September day, it was just unforgettable."

The film's storyline has been kept largely under wraps, allowing for speculation and rumours. But Sarah Jessica says the movie wasn't just a money-making scheme – it was more for the fans.

As for a potential sequel, Sarah Jessica says she's trying not to think too far ahead.



STUNNING: Sarah Jessica Parker and her character, Carrie Bradshaw, are known for their bold fashion sense

"Getting to this point has been the sole professional focus of my life for the last two years. So, to think beyond this is greedy," she adds. "It's not up to us anyway. This has been a dream. To ask for more is just vulgar."

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Darren and Catrin are proud to announce the safe arrival of Oliver James Kieron, born 21st May at William Harvey, Ashford. Little brother to Thomas, Joshua and Eleanor.

BOWEN

Clive and Aytul Bowen of Broadstairs celebrate the birth of their son Tyler Emre Bowen on 16th May 2008.

BREDEN

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BROWN

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Charlie Vincent born on 14th May 2008 at the William Harvey Hospital,

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DAVIS

Louise is delighted to announce the birth of her beautiful daughter Beau Violet on 6th May 2008 weighing 7lb 4oz. A sister for Zoe and Lara.

DEAL

Ruby- Mai born on 21st May 2008, weighing 6lbs 5oz. Daughter to Rachel Marsden and Daniel Deal of Ramsgate.

HO

Ka Kei and Ka Leong Ho are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter May Kiu Ho. Born on the 3rd April 2008 at 1.07am in Maidstone Hospital, weighing 7lb 5oz.

JAMES

Oliver Sidney born on 16th May 2008, weighing 8lbs 11oz. Son to Richard and Sarah and brother for Nancy.

McLEAN

Malcolm and Pippa are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Emilia McLean. A sister for Nathanael. Born on the 23rd April 2008.

PRITCHARD

Jacqui and Michael of Margate celebrate the birth of their son Joshua Michael Alan Pritchard on 9th May 2008.

RUSSELL

George born on 26th April 2008, weighing 4lbs 5oz. Son to Sarah and Paul Russell in Maidstone.

SLOWE

Matthew and Sarah of Canterbury are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Benjamin Daniel Slowe, on 16th May 2008 weighing 9lb 13oz.

THOMAS

Zechariah Kenneth born on 13th April 2008, weighing 6 lbs 13oz. Son to Jay and Joanna Marie in Margate.

WALLER-SMITH

Chris and Ruth of Broadstairs are very proud and pleased to welcome their much longed for daughter, Emma Meryl Elizabeth Waller-Smith. Emma was born on 27th April 2008 at 9.09pm and weighed 8lb 6oz.

WEST

Hayden James born on 13th May 2008, weighing 8lbs 2oz. Son to Nicholas and Sherryanne in Birchington, a brother for Skye - Louise.

DEATHS

ASHBY

Enid died peacefully at home on Monday 26th May 2008 Aged 98. Cremation for family and friends at Vinters Park Crematorium on Friday the 6th of June.

CLEUGH

Malcolm Frank Cleugh of Maidstone passed away on 12th May 2008. Enquiries to Doves Funerals, Maidstone 01622 688662.

DIGGLE

Florence Maud Diggle of Bearsted passed away on 21st May 2008, aged 81.

EAGLETON

Ruby. Peacefully passed away on 19th May. Church service at St Stephens Church on Tuesday June 3rd 12.30pm followed by cremation at Barham 2.00pm. Wife of Bert (deceased), Mother of David (died Jan 4th). Family flowers only, donations to R.N.L.I.

LIDDLE

George Liddle of London, Bromley and latterly Maidstone, died peacefully on 22nd May 2008 at Maidstone Hospital aged 88. Enquiries to Michael Lawrence Funeral Directors 01622 661678.

SCOTT

Thomas Alan who passed peacefully away at Darent Valley Hospital on 21st May 2008 Sadly missed by his wife Doris family and friends

TAYLOR

Winifred Taylor of Erith passed away peacefully on 19th May 2008 at Darent Valley Hospital. Funeral Service to be held at Eltham Crematorium on 2nd of June 2008 at 3.30pm. All friends welcome to celebrate her long and happy life. Flowers to Co-op Northumberland Heath.

IN MEMORIAM

HUMPHREYS

George Humphreys aged 75 of Bluebell Hill Village, formerly of Swanley, sadly passed away on Monday 19th May 2008 surrounded by his family. A loving Husband, Dad & Gramps who will be sadly missed. Short Burial Service Friday 30th May 2.30pm at

St. Mary's Church, St Mary's Rd, Swanley BR8 7BU followed by a Thanksgiving Service 3.30pm at St. Albans Church, Robin Hood Lane, Bluebell Hill Village ME5 9QR. Family flowers only, donations welcome to Alzheimer's Research Trust. Further details Sears Funeral Directors 01622 725035

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PROPERTY NEWS

Check out rental cost before letting

PROPERTY owners looking to let on a casual basis should be aware of the complexities of entering the rental market according to experts.

Homeowners who need to relocate but are unable to sell in the property market downturn are increasingly turning to the rental market for a solution.

According to the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors' latest survey of members, 28 per cent more reported a rise in new tenant lettings than a fall.

However, John Heron, managing director of market analysts Paragon, said would-be landlords risk being caught out by a number of costs they have not been taken into account.

They also need to be aware of the legislation that applies when renting out.

For example, if the property is mortgaged, the lender's approval will be needed for a change of tenure.

The rent set should take into account void periods and repairs; it is standard practice for a lender to insist that rent is at least 125 per cent of monthly mortgage repayments.

Also tax implications need to be fully understood as authorities are clamping down on landlords who are not making full and accurate declarations.

Committee wants VAT cut on repairs

A PROPOSAL to cut VAT on property repair and maintenance has been put forward by the influential House of Commons Community and Local Government Select Committee.

Members said such action would allow landlords to carry out repairs they may otherwise have not been able to fund.

The report said that the tax rate means that some properties which are just about habitable could become derelict because of a lack of incentive to undertake improvements by landlords.

It adds that any financial assistance would help to bring such homes back into the mainstream housing market.

The proposal will go before MPs for a full vote but the majority are believed to be in favour of a cut which could reduce the 17.5 per cent rate to just five.

Brian Berry of the Federation of Master Builders supports the move.

He said: "The high rate of VAT on building repair acts as a disincentive for landlords to maintain their properties."

New roof? No worry, say intrepid buyers

BY NICK AMES

PROPERTIES in need of renovation are proving popular with buyers looking for a bargain in the current housing climate.

More than half the people who took part in a recent survey by lenders said they would be interested in buying a home and working to get it into prime condition.

The research also revealed that period properties are more popular than modern homes – even if they need work done on them.

Across the county period homes in places such as Canterbury, Faversham Rochester and coastal towns have been among the most popular on the market.

Buyers say they like the fact that the homes have character and by renovating they can easily put their own vision into place – something far more difficult to achieve in a purpose-built modern home on an estate or development.

Features such as inglenook fireplaces and original beams were among the most popular features which appear in home built in previous decades.

But the major reason is buyers are willing to undertake work on home improvements themselves in an effort to avoid paying top prices for desirable homes.

A total of 52 per cent of respondents to the national survey by Yorkshire Bank said they would consider the idea of acquiring an older property in need of some work.

This is despite the fact that 42 per cent of those who took part agreeing that an older home is a "financial gamble".

Gary Lumby, the bank's head of retail, said: "During the property boom of recent years homes in need of repair typically attracted property developers with their eye on turning a profit."

"However, in the current climate it seems house buyers are also on the lookout for a bargain and will take on relatively major renovation work, such as replacing a roof or rewiring, if it helps them to secure their dream home for a more affordable price."

The survey found 57 per cent of men would not be deterred in taking on DIY tasks whereas the figure for women was 49 per cent.

But young professionals bucked the trend towards period homes with 69 per cent saying that a ready-made home needing no work was top of their property wish list.



LASTING APPEAL: Period properties have never lost their desirability and are more popular than new homes

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ROAD TEST CHRYSLER 300C

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

£32,495) featuring styling accoutrements on the 6.1-litre V8 Hemi SRT-8 (£40,995), marrying eye-catching 'SRT-Design' body kit and alloys with the 300C's relatively economical yet powerful Mercedes 3.0-litre V6 diesel unit.

Across the range, the exterior re-working has been subtle, with a tweaking of the rear fascia and light clusters plus new boot lid for the saloon, with integrated spoiler and high-mounted stop light.

But Chrysler has been busier where it needed to be; the interior has had a more dramatic makeover with a new instrument panel and centre console design, highlighted by satin silver bezels on the clocks and gauges.

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FORD FIESTA ST



FORD has been one of the champions of hot hatches over the years with its XR and recent ST versions of standard models. The Fiesta ST upholds the tradition in terms of pace and handling even if it can be noisy and ride comfort is primitive. Power comes from a feisty 148bhp 2.0-litre engine so the lowered stance and styling add-ons do not flatter to deceive but, as when new, the Fiesta is not the cheapest contender on the market.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
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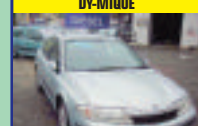
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Ref: 00984/K3

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Ref: 00983/K3

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Exclusive companies enjoy 300-year status

BRITAIN'S oldest brewer, Shepherd Neame, recently hosted the Tercentenarians' annual meeting – a gathering of the handful of British companies more than 300 years old.

Representatives of well-known names including Fortnum and Mason, founded in 1707, hatters James Lock and Co, of St James's, founded in 1676, and the Fleet Street bank Hoare & Co, founded in 1672, had a brewery tour, a tutored tasting and lunch at the Faversham brewery's visitor centre.

Two Kent companies are in the Tercentenarians – Shepherd Neame, founded in 1698, and R Durnell & Sons, of Rectory Lane, Brasted, master builders since 1591.

Britain's most exclusive business club was founded in 1970 by Geoffrey Durnell and Richard Early of bedding firm Early's of Witney, founded in 1669.

Business to business

LAW firm Furley Page is sponsoring B2B '08 – an annual Kent business-to-business event organised by Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce at Ashford International Hotel on June 24.

More than 120 exhibitors are taking part. It features free business seminars, free business advisory sessions throughout the day from the chamber's business support team, free tea and coffee all day, and a networking lunch from noon.

For further information and to book for the networking lunch (£18.50 plus VAT) go to www.kentinvictachamber.co.uk and click on Events Diary.

Still time to win £10m

PROPERTY entrepreneurs in Kent need to get on their skates as the entry period for the biggest business prize in real estate – a £30 million pot – is drawing to a close.

The inaugural Bank of Scotland Corporate Search for Property Entrepreneurs closes on June 9.

The initiative will see three up-and-coming property moguls win up to £10 million each to invest in their business.

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Forward planning will help when time comes to hand over

■ BY TONY PATEY

IT comes to every business – the time to hand on the baton of power to someone else.

For small and medium size enterprises (SMEs) succession planning should be an evolving process and reviewed on a regular basis, according to Chris Gandon, a partner at a leading Kent accountancy firm.

Mr Gandon, who works at Horwath Clark Whitehill, which has offices in Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells, says that knowing when to pass on the baton or sell on a business is never an easy judgment.

He said: "However, planning should take place well in advance of the end game.

"When things are going well and the company is at its peak, it may seem ludicrous to start thinking about when to stop.

"But succession planning is a healthy exercise for any firm to undertake and should be seen as worthwhile as any formally thought-out aspect of the business."

It allows a business to focus on long-term goals and strategies and gives it direction.

If you wait too long, you will be leaving your business exposed with under-prepared management and the possibility of high capital gains tax (CGT) and inher-

itance tax (IHT) liabilities. By taking expert advice at the right time, and treating a plan as not set in stone, the end result should allow many options.

These include building up the value of the business; creating personal wealth and ensuring the company is correctly structured to mitigate against CGT and IHT and take advantage of other allowances or grants.

Whatever the business-owner's motivation is for looking to exit, they should be able to build up a nest egg through a combination of personal investments and pension plans.

One area that can be a particularly good option, especially for family-run or owned companies, is a Small Self-Administered Scheme.

This allows you to invest some or all your funds in property, shares or deposit accounts instead of paying pension premiums to an insurance company.

So whether it's the end of the beginning or the beginning of the end, it's never too early to think about where and what lies beyond.

To find out more contact Mr Gandon on 01622 767676, or email chris.gandon@horwath.co.uk.



SUCCESSION: Chris Gandon, of Horwath Clark Whitehill, an accountancy firm with offices in Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells, warns businesses that planning is crucial



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Rain wins the day as game cancelled

SANDWICH TOWN'S game against Blackheath fell victim to the weather as the Premier Division match was abandoned before the game was due to begin.

Heavy rain in the days leading up to the match made the ground too damp to play on, forcing the game to be scrapped.

Sandwich will hope for better weather when they visit Tunbridge Wells this Saturday.

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Highlights of HBU CSL's roller hockey semi-final against Middlesbrough

Failure with the bat costs Sibton a second victory

A POOR display with the bat cost Sibton Park as they slipped to an 82-run defeat at home to Broadstairs.

A knock of 63 from Broadstairs' number nine Bradley Ellison proved crucial as he steered his side away from an embarrassingly low total.

No one in the Sibton Park line-up was able to emulate Ellison as only three players reached double figures in a heavy defeat.

It was a complete turnaround from earlier in the game when Sibton Park were well on top.

After winning the toss they opted to field and looked on course to win their second game of the season, as Broadstairs' top seven batsmen con-

CRICKET

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

tributed just 39 runs.

The visitors were in trouble but Ellison and Michael Ross (26) came together and slowly built a respectable total.

Chris Heath (3-22) and Andy Allon (3-42) returned good figures for the hosts.

Sibton Park's reply got off to a bad start when opener George Leadbetter departed for a duck.

They struggled throughout their innings on a pitch which favoured the bowlers, losing wickets too regularly to mount a challenge.

They were eventually dismissed for just 70 in the 33rd over.



BRIGHT BEGINNINGS: Sibton took Broadstairs' top seven batsmen for 39

Kent Cricket League Division One Sibton Park CC - 1st XI v Broadstairs CC - 1st XI

Broadstairs

	Runs
Ben Fitter	ct Osborne b Lewis 13
David Cooper	b Newman 6
Liam Narraway	b Lewis 0
Neil Brennan	b Heath 2
Scott Narraway	b Heath 0
Terry Bond	b Allon 18
Sam Winsor	b Heath 0
Michael Ross	ct Hobbs b Allon 26
Bradley Ellison	not out 63
Chris Kidd	ct Osborne b Allon 2
Stuart Wiseman	ct Osborne b Spring 2

Extras (2b 6lb 1lb 1w) 20
Total (all out, 47.4 overs) 152

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Sam Newman	6	0	20	1
Trevor Lewis	12	8	17	2
Chris Heath	7	2	22	3
Chris Spring	11.4	2	43	1
Andy Allon	11	2	42	3

Sibton Park

	Runs
George Leadbetter	ct Fitter b Kidd 0
Andy Allon	run out 5
Steve Hobbs	ct Kidd b Wiseman 7
Chris Spring	b Wiseman 13
Ben Allon	ct Kidd b Narraway 11
J Keeler	ct Brennan b Wiseman 0
Martin Wren	ct Kidd b Narraway 18
John Osborne	b Lewis 3
Chris Heath	b Narraway 8
Sam Newman	b Narraway 0
Trevor Lewis	not out 1

Extras (2b 1lb 1w) 4
Total (all out, 32.3 overs) 70

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Chris Kidd	15	7	25	2
Stuart Wiseman	14	5	31	4
Michael Ross	2	0	10	0
Scott Narraway	1.3	1	1	3

LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT CRICKET LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Orpington v Folkestone

FOLKESTONE almost pulled off an unlikely victory in a low-scoring game against Orpington before eventually losing by two wickets.

After winning the toss, Folkestone made a decent start and had 95 on the board when Sher Khanagha was out for the fourth wicket. His departure triggered a huge collapse with the final six wickets falling for just 16 runs.

Orpington had their own problems chasing the small target and were reduced to 57.5 at one stage.

Folkestone took late wickets to set up a rousing climax, but the hosts hung on to take the win.

Folkestone

	Runs
Daniel Clark	b Wolmarans 20
Luke Samarasinghe	b Ingram 15
Himanshu Waingankar	ct Robinson b Ingram 30
Laurence Ward	ct Hall b Ingram 7
Sher Khanagha	run out (Patel) 16
Andy Boffey	ct Hall b Ingram 1
Andy Bray	ct Wolmarans b Ingram 1
Stewart Graham	run out (Patel) 4
Ryan Currie	b Schmidt 4
Michael James	b Schmidt 0
Liam Hark	not out 0

Extras (1b 4lb 6w 5nb) 16

Total (all out, 45.2 overs) 111

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Wessels Wolmarans	8	0	22	1
Ben Clarkson	13	3	33	0
Stephen Ingram	15	7	25	5
Paul Schmidt	9.2	1	26	2

Orpington

	Runs
Prince Sterling	ct Khanagha b Samarasinghe 15
Brendan Lyon	ct Graham b Waingankar 13
Sanjay Pate	b Ingram 1
Wessels Wolmarans	ct Clark b Samarasinghe 40
David Robinson	run out Khanagha 4
Pierre Smit	b Ingram 2
Paul Schmidt	b Khanagha 19
Ben Clarkson	b Khanagha 9
Stephen Ingram	not out 2
Sam Clarkson	not out 0
Richard Hall	did not bat

Extras (4b 2lb 1w) 7

Total (8 wickets, 52.4 overs) 112

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Andy Bray	8.4	0	32	0
Michael James	4	0	9	0
Himanshu Waingankar	16	7	23	3
Luke Samarasinghe	16	9	35	2
Sher Khanagha	8	5	7	2

KENT CRICKET LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Hythe v OD CUACO

PATRICK Owen took 5-14 to help Hythe continue their unbeaten start to the season with a seven-wicket win against OD CUACO.

The bowler's excellent figures from his nine overs were backed up by tidy spells from the rest of the Hythe attack. OD CUACO were unable to respond and they collapsed to a meagre 83 all out. Jon Smith carried his bat with an unbeaten half century to lead the home side to victory.

The comfortable win keeps Hythe in contention at the top of the table ahead of Saturday's game against Downham & Bellingham.

OD CUACO

	Runs
Mahela Wijayalath	ct Prowse b Large 1
Aaron White	c&b Owen 17
Mohammed Rifan	ct Butler b Dwyer 1
Dilrukshan Wijayarathnam	ct Duncombe b Owen 14
Gary Williamson	ct Duncombe b Owen 3
Peter White	b Prowse 1
David Edwards	b Prowse 0
Aumre Fernando	ct Slee b Owen 0
Alex Lake	not out 22
Steve Wright	b Owen 0
Sam Stuart	b Dwyer 8

Extras (5b 1lb 8w 2nb) 16

Total (all out, 40.5 overs) 83

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Ben Dwyer	13.5	5	30	2
Dan Large	8	3	13	1
Andrew Prowse	7	4	12	2
Patrick Owen	9	2	14	5
Hamish Morrison	3	1	7	0

Hythe

	Runs
Jon Smith	not out 53
Leon Morgan	b Stuart 21
Christopher Slee	ct Wijayalath b Wright 1
Sam Butler	ct White b Wijayarathnam 3
Dan Furnival	not out 5
Ben Dwyer	did not bat
Patrick Owen	did not bat
Hamish Morrison	did not bat
Andrew Prowse	did not bat
Christopher Duncombe	did not bat
Dan Large	did not bat

Extras (1w) 1

Total (3 wickets, 11.5 overs) 84

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Sam Stuart	4	1	25	1
Aumre Fernando	2	0	27	0
Steve Wright	3.5	0	24	1
Dilrukshan Wijayarathnam	2	0	8	1

KENT FEEDER LEAGUE EAST DIVISION 1A

Deal Victoria & Barns Close v Blue Bell Hill

DEAL Victoria & Barns Close maintained their 100 per cent start to the season with a 49-run win against Blue Bell Hill.

Sam Killip top scored with 52 as the home side posted a competitive 197-8 from their 46 overs.

In reply, Blue Bell Hill started well, but Stephen Moran (4-52) ensured they did not get within touching distance as they were all out for 148 in the 44th over.

The victory took Deal Victoria & Barns Close 26 points clear at the top of the Feeder League East 1A after four successive wins.

Deal Victoria & Barns Close

	Runs
Austen Marsh	ct Attridge b Underwood 2
Matthew Carley	b Fookes 16
Sam Killip	ct Hayward b Highest 52
Brendan Schiller	c&b Highest 37
Robbie Braman	ct Brivio b Sams 0
Andrew Miller	b Underwood 10
Stephen Moran	ct Lawrence b Highest 21
Matthew Hudson	c&b Highest 20
Alex Hinkins	not out 24
Scott McNamara	not out 0
Graham McNamara	did not bat 0

Extras (6lb 7w 2nb) 15

Total (8 wickets, 46 overs) 197

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
James Underwood	12	1	43	2
Paul Fookes	12	3	40	1
Ian Hayward	8	2	26	0
Tom Highest	11	0	63	4
Roy Sams	3	0	19	1

Blue Bell Hill

	Runs
Jack Attridge	ct Hudson b Hinkins 10
Roy Sams	ct Brannan b Hinkins 16
Paul Brivio	b Moran 33
Jack Brivio	run out (Miller) 37
Russell Booth	ct Hudson b McNamara 17
Tom Highest	ct Killip b Moran 3
Paul Fookes	b Moran 1
Ian Hayward	run out (Schiller) 1
Ben Highest	b McNamara 11
James Underwood	not out 2
Simon Lawrence	b Moran 0

Extras (3b 2lb 10w 1nb) 16

Total (all out, 43.2 overs) 148

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Alex Hinkins	12	5	23	2
Scott McNamara	10	2	27	0
Stephen Moran	11.2	0	52	4
Brendan Schiller	3	1	12	0
Graham McNamara	7	1	28	2

KENT CRICKET FEEDER LEAGUE EAST 1A

Pembury v Betteshanger Colliery Welfare

AN EXCELLENT all-round display from Andrew McNicholas set Betteshanger Colliery on their way to a 40-run win against Pembury.

Put into bat, the home side reached 173-8 from their 46 overs, Jamie Towe top scoring with 58.

McNicholas scored 36 to add runs in the middle order and he became the key man in the field, taking 4-23 from his ten overs with the ball. He also held three catches as Pembury were dismissed for 133.

The win moved Betteshanger up to second in the table after the first four matches of the season.

Betteshanger Colliery Welfare

	Runs
Clive Towe	ct Dawes b Hemstalk 0
Liam Collins	ct Dawes b Paveley 0
Jamie Towe	ct Dawes b Paveley 58
Chris Carbon	b Hemstalk 4
Derek Towe	ct Eaton b Dawes 7
Andrew McNicholas	ct Bidder b Patel 36
Jeffy Towe	ct Eaton b Patel 14
Darren Fletcher	not out 27
Steve McNicholas	b Hemstalk 16
Steven King	not out 0
Andrew Chambers	did not bat 0

Extras (2b 3lb 6w) 11

Total (8 wickets, 46 overs) 173

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Neil Hemstalk	12	5	34	3
Nick Paveley	7	2	28	1
Richard Bidder	7	3	29	0
Richard Dawes	7	3	14	1
Dinesh Patel	10	0	43	3
Paul Kelly	3	0	21	0

Pembury

	Runs
Robert Eaton	ct A McNicholas b Ja Towe 15
David Collins	ct Jo Towe b A McNicholas 1
Richard Bidder	ct Collins b A McNicholas 4
Paul Kelly	b A McNicholas 3
Neil Hemstalk	ct S McNicholas b Collins 48
Richard Dawes	b A McNicholas 0
Mark Parsons	c&b Ja Towe 41
Andrew Dawes	ct A McNicholas b Ja Towe 0
Dinesh Patel	ct Ja Towe b Collins 0
Luke Hattie	not out 1
Nick Paveley	ct A McNicholas b Collins 7

Extras (7b 1lb 4w 1nb) 13

Total (all out, 37.3 overs) 133

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Andrew McNicholas	10	2	23	4
Jamie Towe	10	4	21	3
Clive Towe	8	0	25	0
Steven King	3	0	35	0
Darren Fletcher	2	0	12	0
Liam Collins	4.3	1	9	3

Cugley continues Invicta revamp

FOOTBALL

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

FOLKESTONE Invicta's busy pre-season continues apace with ex-captain Scott Lindsey installed as coach, while centre-back Samuel Kola Okikiolu has left the club.

Manager Neil Cugley had been looking for new backroom staff after Kevin Bremner left at the end of the season.

Lindsey made more than 150 appearances in central midfield for Invicta before leaving the club in 2005. He will bring a wealth of experience after a playing career which has included spells at Gillingham, Leyton Orient and Gravesend & Northfleet.

The 35-year-old turned out for Ryman South side Sittingbourne late last season and will sign on as a player largely as cover.

Lindsey's arrival will make him the seventh addition to the playing squad since the end of the season.

Last week the club added more experience to the squad in the form of veteran Jimmy Jackson.

The versatile left-sided player was released by Ryman Premier side Margate last month. He made more than 100 appearances in two spells with Gravesend & Northfleet, before helping the Blues to a ninth-place finish last season.

With so many players coming into the club, Folkestone are now in need of moving several players out.



INFLUX: Jimmy Jackson is one of seven additions to Folkestone Invicta as manager Neil Cugley looks to strengthen his squad

The first to go was Kola Okikiolu, who ended his two-season stay at Cheriton Road last weekend. The centre-back lives in London, which made getting down to the coast twice a week for training could be difficult.

Cugley is trying to build his new side around locally-based players in an effort to end problems with players getting to training next season.

Although Kola was an influential player during his time at Invicta, the squad are not short of centre-backs.

Youthful pairing Frankie Chappell and Liam Friend improved as last season went on and are promising players for the future.

New signings Matt Bourne, Nick Humphrey and Craig Wilkins will also provide competition at the heart of defence.

Dover seek sponsor as ferry operator opts out

FOOTBALL

THE credit crunch has taken its toll on Dover Athletic, who are now searching for a new sponsor after SeaFrance decided not to renew its sponsorship with the club.

The ferry operator sponsored the team during a triumphant season which saw them run away with the Ryman Division One South title.

The Whites were hoping to renew the deal for 2008/2009 but now face a search for sponsors.

SeaFrance managing director, Robin Wilkins, said: "We've been delighted to support the club and to follow their fortunes last season."

"Sadly, current economic conditions have created the need for cutbacks in expenditure, and regrettably this is one of the projects SeaFrance will not be able to carry forward into the new season."

Whites chairman Jim Parmenter told the club website: "This has come as a bit of a shock, as early indications were that SeaFrance would be working with us again next season."

"However, it is understandable, in light of the current climate, that something would have to give."



SEARCHING: Jim Parmenter is looking for a new club sponsor

The search for a new sponsor is already underway and Whites' commercial director Roger Knight is hoping an announcement will be made soon.

He told Yourdover: "Hopefully we will not have to wait long before a new sponsor is signed."

"We will be working hard to secure a new deal for the club and we have already had a number of companies interested in joining us. I believe that we will have something organised in the next few weeks."

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- Kent v Sussex – Wednesday, June 11 at Canterbury
- Kent v Hampshire – Saturday, June 14 at Canterbury
- Kent v Middlesex – Friday, June 20 at Beckenham
- Kent v Essex – Sunday, June 22 at Beckenham
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UPBEAT: Kent skipper Key is banking on home support

CRICKET

Key seeks revenge against Somerset

KENT Spitfires take on Justin Langer's Somerset Sabres in the quarter-final of the Friends Provident Trophy this afternoon.

Rob Key's side are just two games away from another showpiece final after topping the South/East division courtesy of five straight wins in the competition.

Their reward for finishing top is a home tie at the St Lawrence Ground against a team that beat Kent by the narrow margin of 20 runs a week ago in the county championship.

Key is looking for revenge and hopes his side's good form in the competition will help them earn a semi-final spot.

He said: "It's fantastic to get a home draw. We are playing very well in the Friends Provident Trophy, but will have to be at our very best against a tough Somerset side."

Sky Sports will also be making an appearance at what should be a full house.

For live updates from the St Lawrence Ground visit www.yourdover.co.uk.

• **FORMER** Kent captain David Fulton has released a video of the incident in which a ball almost blinded him after finding its way past the grill of his helmet.

Fulton was batting in the nets in Canterbury in 2003 when a 90mph ball from a bowling machine hit his right eye, leaving him with partial vision.

The video, posted on the Professional Cricketers' Association website, shows Fulton practicing the pull shot, but a ball was fed into the machine before he looked up and bounced up between the grill and peak of his Kent helmet.

The 36-year-old had to undergo major surgery and miraculously was back leading Kent eight weeks later.

Fulton decided to release the video five years after the incident to warn players about the importance of taking out insurance.

The PCA will pay 25,000 for a player under-21 who suffers permanent disablement and £20,000 for a player over the age of 34.

To see the video visit www.yourkenttv.co.uk.

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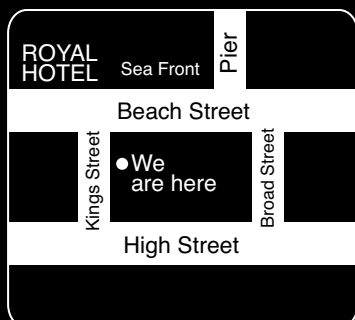
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